



# SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for Portions of Riverside County

**Valid: Saturday, March 19, 2022 through Sunday, March 20, 2022**

*This advisory is in effect through 6AM Sunday. South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.*

A PM10 Dust Advisory is in effect from 1 PM Saturday through 6 AM Sunday due to high winds and dry conditions in the San Geronio Pass, the Coachella Valley and eastern Riverside County. As of Saturday morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) has posted Wind Advisories and Blowing Dust Advisories. For information regarding the NWS advisories, please visit the NWS San Diego (<https://www.weather.gov/sgx/>) and NWS Phoenix (<https://www.weather.gov/psr/>) websites.

These conditions can lift dust and soil and lead to poor air quality. Air Quality Index (AQI) categories will vary from **Moderate** to **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher, mostly on Saturday. The most significant impacts are expected in the Coachella Valley. Air quality can vary hour by hour and by location depending on wind conditions.

In areas directly impacted by high levels of windblown dust, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed and avoiding vigorous physical activity. Run your air conditioner or an air purifier. If temperatures allow, avoid using whole house fans or swamp coolers that bring in outside air.

Exposure to high particle pollution levels can cause serious health problems, including asthma attacks, heart and lung disease symptoms, and increased risk of respiratory infections. People with heart or lung diseases should follow their doctor's advice for dealing with episodes of unhealthy air quality. Children, older adults, and people with respiratory or heart disease should avoid prolonged exposure and strenuous activities when particle pollution levels are high.

Areas of direct impacts and poor air quality may include portions of:

- **Riverside County:** San Geronio Pass (Area 29), Coachella Valley (Area 30), East Riverside County (Area 31)



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South Coast AQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/advisory>

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To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see

<http://www.aqmd.gov/aqimap>

For real-time air quality information, maps, notifications and health alerts in your area, download our award-winning South Coast AQMD app at: <http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp>

Air quality forecasts are available at <http://www.aqmd.gov/forecast>

For South Coast AQMD Daily Rule 403.1 High Wind Forecasts for the Coachella Valley call (909) 396-2399 or 1-800-CUT-SMOG

For a map of South Coast AQMD Forecast Areas, see <http://www.aqmd.gov/ForecastAreas>

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov), download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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